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In re Application of:

Barnard Stewart Silver

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For: Sweetening Compositions and
Foodstuffs Comprised Thereof

Examiner Leslie A. Wong

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 6, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the amendment and remarks set forth below.

AMENDMENT**In the Claims:**

Please rewrite claims 23 and 24 as follows:

23. (Once Amended) A foodstuff comprising a sweetening composition as recited in any one of claims 1, 13, 14, 20, 21 or 22.